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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON SOMALIA

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G. ISLAMABAD 7148

1. EMBASSIES SHOULD TELL HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT WE FIND ONGOING CONSULTATIONS ON SOMALIA USEFUL IN PROMOTING OUR COMMON OBJECTIVES INCLUDING THAT OF ENCOURAGING LESS SOMALI RELIANCE ON THE SOVIET UNION. WE INTEND TO KEEP HOST GOVERNMENTS INFORMED OF OUR ARMS SUPPLY PLANS AND WOULD APPRECIATE FULL DETAILS OF THEIR OWN PAST OR PROJECTED DELIVERIES.

2. IF EMBASSIES HAVE NOT DONE SO, THEY MAY PASS HOST GOVERNMENTS ARMS REQUEST LIST GIVEN US BY SOMALIS (REF. A). THEY MAY SAY THAT OUR ANALYSTS HAVE DETERMINED THAT SOMALI LIST IS BASED ON TABLE OF ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPMENT OF THE STANDARD SOVIET MOTORIZED RIFLE BATTALION MULTIPLIED BY 143 AND WOULD THEREFORE PROVIDE, IF SUPPLIED, SUFFICIENT ARMS FOR 12 DIVISIONS. THE TOTAL US COST OF THE ITEMS REQUESTED EXCEEDS HALF A BILLION DOLLARS. BOTH NATURE AND EXTENT OF ARMS REQUESTED EXCEED LIMITS OF ANY

ARMS PACKAGE WE MIGHT OFFER SOMALIS. WE ARE THEREFORE
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PROCEEDING TO MAKE INDEPENDENT STUDY OF SOMALI NEEDS AND WILL APPRECIATE HOST GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON WHAT GAPS EXIST IN SOMALI DEFENSE STRUCTURE NOW OR WHICH MIGHT RAPIDLY OCCUR IF SOVIETS CUT OFF SUPPLIES. EMBASSIES SHOULD NOTE THAT WE MEAN TO LIMIT ARMS SUPPLIED TO ITEMS THAT WILL FILL ANY GAPS IN SOMALIA'S ABILITY TO DEFEND ITS EXISTING BOUNDARIES. WE WILL ASK SOMALIA TO PLEDGE NOT TO USE ANY ARMS SUPPLIED BY US OUTSIDE OF HER INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED BORDERS.

3. FOR JIDDA: IN ADDITION TO DETAILS ABOUT REPORTED SAUDI ARMS DELIVERIES TO SOMALIA, WE SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE DETAILS OF SAUDI FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS (REF. B). DOES SAUDI FINANCING INVOLVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO SOMALI CONTROL, OR WILL SOMALIS MAKE PAYMENTS DIRECTLY TO SUPPLIER? IF THE FORMER, IS MONEY CLEARLY EARMARKED FOR ARMS? ARE AMOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR ARMS PURCHASES EARMARKED FOR SPECIFIC NATIONAL SUPPLIERS? WILL SOMALIS STILL BE REQUIRED TO CLEAR ARMS TO BE PURCHASED WITH SAUDIS FIRST? YOU SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANY CLEAR SIGN THAT THE SOMALIS HAVE DECIDED TO REDUCE THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIETS AND ASK FOR SAG VIEWS.

4. FOR TEHRAN: PLEASE OBTAIN DETAILS OF FINDINGS OF IRANIAN MILITARY MISSION AS SOON AS AVAILABLE, ESPECIALLY THEIR ASSESSMENT OF GAPS IN SOMALI DEFENSE STRUCTURE.

5. FOR LONDON: WE UNDERSTAND FROM UK EMBASSY THAT SOMALI DELEGATION WAS TO ARRIVE LONDON JULY 27. WE WOULD LIKE DETAILS OF THEIR VISIT AND UK ASSESSMENT AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE, ESPECIALLY SINCE SOMALIS NOW DESIRE TO SEND SAME DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. WE UNDERSTAND FROM UK EMBASSY THAT UK DOES NOT, AS A RESULT OF SOMALI TEAM COMING TO LONDON, PLAN TO SEND A UK TEAM TO MOGADISCIO. YOU SHOULD INFORM BRITISH THAT WE BELIEVE AN ON-THE-SPOT ASSESSMENT IN ADDITION TO PRESENTATION BY SOMALI MILITARY
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TEAM MOST VALUABLE. WE ARE CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF SENDING US MILITARY ASSESSMENT TEAM AND UK MIGHT WISH CONSIDER DOING LIKEWISE.

6. FOR CAIRO/ALEXANDRIA: WE APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS TO ACQUIRE LIST OF EGYPTIAN ITEMS ALREADY SUPPLIED. YOU MAY DRAW ON ABOVE TO SUPPLEMENT AS USEFUL SECRETARY'S CONVERSATIONS ON SUBJECT.

7. FOR ISLAMABAD: WE ARE NOT ASKING YOU TO MAKE APPROACH ALONG LINES PARAS 1 AND 2 PRIMARILY BECAUSE PAKISTANIS HAVE NOT ACKNOWLEDGED TO US ANY SOMALI APPROACH TO THEM ON ARMS SUPPLIES. HOWEVER, SHOULD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP A DIALOGUE WITH GOP ON THIS SUBJECT, YOU MAY DRAW ON PARAS 1 AND 2 AND REF A AS APPROPRIATE TO ELICIT DETAILS OF PAKISTANI RESPONSE TO SOMALI APPROACH. CHRISTOPHER

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